

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims**

1. (previously presented) A knife holder (1) for a cutting knife (2) of a microtome having a knife edge (5) for cutting samples, the knife holder comprising:
  - a pressure plate (3) for locking the cutting knife (2) in the knife holder (1) and for discharging the cut sample; and
    - a U-shaped frame (4) mounted detachably on the pressure plate (3) by magnets (6) and open toward the knife edge (5) of the cutting knife (2);
      - wherein the frame (4) and the pressure plate (3) cooperate to form a water pan.
2. (canceled)
3. (original) The knife holder (1) as defined in Claim 1, wherein the frame (4) is a one-piece component.
4. (canceled)
5. (canceled)
6. (canceled)
7. (original) The knife holder (1) as defined in Claim 1, further comprising a fluid seal (7) between the frame (4) and the pressure plate (3).
8. (original) The knife holder (1) as defined in Claim 1, further comprising a bail (8) pivotably mounted to the frame (4) for selectively covering the knife edge (5) to protect users from cuts.

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9. (original) The knife holder (1) as defined in Claim 1, wherein the U-shaped frame includes two parallel limbs (9), and each of the two limbs (9) is wedge-shaped.